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SUBJECT: CAIRO PRESS REACTION, OCTOBER 24

1. AL-AHRAM

FRONT-PAGE BANNERHEADS DRAMATIZED WAR RESUMPTION IN CANAL ZONE AND RESULTING "EXTREME WORLD CONCERN."

SECOND LEAD STORY COVERED UNDER FOUR-COLUMN HEADLINE TASS WARNING ABOUT "GRAVE CONSEQUENCES OF ISRAELI AGGRESSION" AND SOVIET STATEMENT CALLING FOR ISRAELI "CEASEFIRE AND RETURN TO OCTOBER 22 POSITION."

TWO-COLUMN WIRE SERVICE REPORT COVERED NEW SC RESOLUTION CALLING FOR SECOND CEASEFIRE ANND OBSERVERS' DISPATCH TO SUEZ ZONE UNDER SARCASTIC HEADLINE, "ONE MORE SC RESOLUTION." ANOTHER WIRE SERVICE REPORT COVERED NIXON AND KISSINGER DISCUSSION OF "MEANS TO STOP CEASEFIRE DETERIORATION." STORY QUOTED MCCLOSKEY SAYING WAR PRISONERS EXCHANGE IS AMONG "PRIORITIES."

OFFICIAL EGYPTIAN FRON-PAGE STATEMENT ASSERTED MEIR'S TUESDAY KNESSET ADDRESS "REVEALS ISRAEL'S PREMEDITATED CEASEFIRE VIOLATION."

ONE-COLUMN REPORT COVERED EGYPT'S HOME GUARD FORCES' PARTICIPATION IN WAR; CONTINUING SOVIET MILITARY SUPPLIES TO SYRIA AND EGYPT AND SYRIAN CEASEFIRE ACCEPTANCE.

FROM JERUSALEM ERIC MARSON WROTE ISRAELI CEASEFIRE REACTION RANGED FROM "CAUTIOUS HOPE FOR PERMANENT PEACE TO CONCERN

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THAT US HAS ABANDONED ISRAEL TO SAVE DETENTE AND BOLSTER

NIXON'S POSITION." NYT'S DAVID BINDER COMPARED ARAB OIL PRODUCING STATES' AID TO EGYPT AND SYRIA WITH UJA'S AID TO ISRAEL.

MAIN EDITORIAL CONDEMNED ISRAEL'S "PROVOCATIVE" CEASEFIRE VIOLATION BUT DID NOT MENTION US.

2. AL-AKHBAR

FRONT-PAGE BANNERHEADS REPORTED RESUMED FIGHTING AND SOVIET WARNING TO ISRAEL AGAINST CEASEFIRE VIOLATION.

CENTER LEAD STORY REPORTED SADAT'S PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVES TO ALL HOME GUARD FORCES TO PARTICIPATE IN WEST OF CANAL FIGHTING.

TWO MAJOR FRON-PAGE STORIES QUOTED EGYPTIAN MILITARY SPOKESMAN SAYING EGYPT DETERMINED TO "CHECK ENEMY, NOW THAT ITS (CEASEFIRE VIOLATION) INTENTIONS HAVE BECOME CLEAR" AND THAT CEASEFIRE VIOLATION IS "ISRAELI-AMERICAN RESPONSIBILITY."

FRONT-PAGE REPORTS INCLUDE: MCCLOSKEY SAYING ARAB-ISRAELI BORDERS WERE DISCUSSED DURING KISSINGER'S MOSCOW TRIP; SYRIA'S CEASEFIRE ACCEPTANCE; 200 INTERNATIONAL OBSERVERS IN WAR ZONE; ETHIOPIA BREAKING RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL; AND IRANIAN DECISION NOT TO INCREASE OIL PRODUCTION.

COLUMNIST MOHSEN MOHAMED CHARGED THAT "US INTERVENED TO STOP EGYPTIAN ARMY ADVANCEMENT" AND BOTH ISRAEL AND US "DID NOT RESPECT (WORLD) CALL FOR PEACE."

BACK-PAGE COLUMIST ANIS MANSOUR BITTERLY CONDEMNED CEASEFIRE VIOLATION: "MORE INNOCENT BLOOD IS BEING SHED THANKS TO US ARMS SENT BY KISSINGER, THE JEW FAITHFUL TO HIS PEOPLE AND WINNER OF PEACE, AMERICAN STYLE."

3. AL-GUMHURIYYA

BANNERHEAD COVERED SOVIET WARNING AGAINST ISRAEL'S "GRAVE CEASEFIRE VIOLATION."

TWO-COLUMN STORY COVERED MEIR'S KNESSET STATEMENT THAT ISRAEL HAS RECEIVED DOLLAR 825 MILLION WORTH OF US ARMS; GOE CHARGE THAT ISRAEL AND US "BEAR CEASEFIRE VIOLATION RESPONSIBILITY;" WASHINGTON DEMAND THAT PRISONERS BE RELEASED; AND SYRIAN CEASEFIRE ACCEPTANCE.

FOREIGN PAGE REPORTS COVERED ETHIOPIA BREAKING DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH ISRAEL AND KING FAISAL'S SON PARTICIPATING IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GOLAN BATTLES.

4. COMMENT: NEWS OF CONTINUING MILITARY CLASHES ON CANAL FRONT AND SOVIET WARNING TO ISRAEL OCCUPIED MOST PROMINENT PLACES IN TODAY'S PRESS. SECOND SC CEASEFIRE RESOLUTION RECEIVED SECOND PLACE.

PRESS BEGAN TO REFLECT GROWING SKEPICISM AMONG EGYPTIAN PEOPLE REGARDING SERIOUSNESS OF THE UN CEASEFIRE RESOLUTION.

AL-AHRAM HEADLINE "ONE MORE SC RESOLUTION" AND AL-AKHBAR
HEADLINE "NO NEGOTIATIONS BEFORE ISRAEL'S WITHDRAWAL" GIVE
EVIDENCE TO THIS GROWING SKEPTICISM.

TWO EDITORIALS AND GOE SPOKESMAN BLAMED US FOR CEASEFIRE
VIOLATIONS. THIS IS DISTINCT CHANGE FROM PAST EDITORIAL
POLICY WHICH HAD AVOIDED CRITICISM OF US ROLE IN ME WAR.
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